

The ninth stage of human development: narrative analysis of autobiographical interview

Abstract

The goal of the work is understanding how seniors give meaning to their experience. Theoretical and methodological bases are formed by the hermeneutic-narrative approach. Thesis is concentrated to the identity and a method how is the identity constructed in life stories. The empirical material consists of three autobiographical narratives collected by the method of narrative interview. For narrative analysis of the interview there are three different interpretive perspective used: Life motives, Ideological setting and Imagoes. The results of analysis are confronted with the concept of "The ninth stage of human development" whose authors are J. M. Erikson and E. H. Erikson.

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